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VOL. X. NO. 107Friday, May 7, 1943NAZI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES IT WILL NOT COMPROMISE ON EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 6.(JTA)-- The Nazi Government today issued an announcement in Berlin indicating its determination to continue its policy of exterminating the Jews in occupied countries and making it clear that it considers the annihilation of the Jews in Europe a major point in its war-program.

The announcement was issued through the Ministry of Propaganda for publication in the press abroad. It was included in the "Informations-Blätter fuer die Auslandspresse," the news bulleting which is distributed to foreign correspondents as a source of authentic information.

"The Jewish question," the announcement said, "is still in the center of interest in Germany. Nobody in the world should doubt Germany's determination to solve this question forever without any compromise, and in a cold, dispassionate, relentless way."

At the same time the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda today disseminated a report through its Transocean News Agency that in Budapest the Jewish population has increased sixty percent during the year of 1942. This report is taken here to mean that the Nazi Government intends to start a campaign against the Jews of Hungary by pressing the Hungarian Government for increased anti-Jewish measures.

ORGANIZATIONS IN ENGLAND ASK GOVERNMENT TO CHECK GROWING ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, May 6.(JTA)-- The British Government was urged today by a number of organizations in several cities to check the recent increase in anti-Jewish agitation in the country by taking action against individuals and organizations engaged in disseminating anti-Semitic and fascist propaganda.

Pointing out that Jews in the British armed forces constitute 13 percent of the total Jewish population, while non-Jewish soldiers constitute only 10 percent of the non-Jewish population, the General Assembly of the Unitarian Free Churches at a session in Manchester today adopted a resolution condemning the anti-Jewish propaganda in England. The resolution called upon the government to punish persons guilty of making malicious and false statements against the Jews.

A similar resolution was passed at a meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties in Edinburgh. The meeting demanded that the Home Secretary take immediate steps against all those conducting anti-Semitic and fascist propaganda. Rev. R. Clephane Macanna of the Church of Scotland was one of the principal speakers at the gathering.

The General Assembly of the Unitarian Free Church also adopted a resolution urging the British Government to consider the question of giving temporary asylum in North Africa to Jews escaping from Nazi Europe.

JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, HONORED AT DINNER

NEW YORK, May 6.(JTA)-- Joseph M. Proskauer, former Justice of the Appellate Division and former President of the New York Federation of Jewish Charities, declared tonight that "only through a renewed optimism and a faith in our democratic institutions can the onslaught of the world's aggressors be met both on the battle fronts abroad and on the propaganda front at home."

Recently elected President of the American Jewish Committee, Judge Proskauer was guest of honor at a dinner given at the Waldorf-Astoria under the auspices of the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The Chairman of the dinner was Judge Edward Lazansky, former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Second Judicial District of New York. More than six hundred prominent men and women of the city gathered to pay tribute to Judge Proskauer who became the sixth president of the American Jewish Committee since its founding in 1906.

In introducing Judge Proskauer, George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney and president of the New York Federation of Jewish Charities, pointed to his long record of service to the American people and to the Jewish community.

Outstanding leaders of the nation also joined in hailing Judge Proskauer's election to his new post. Governor Thomas E. Dewey, in a special message declared: "In these days it is more important than ever that this great organization devoted to the protection of civil and religious liberties of Jews throughout the world be headed by a man of your standing and ability." Bishop William T. Manning declared, "I know how ably you will lead the American Jewish Committee in its work of upholding our common American heritage against ruthless and Godless enemies."

Other messages were received from Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Mayor LaGuardia stated, "We cannot fight Hitler and countenance anti-Semitism in our own country at the same time. The combating of anti-Semitism has today become a part of the defense of American institutions against our national enemies. I congratulate you on the signal opportunity which your new office provides to render a great service to your country."

Urging a forthright stand against the onslaughts of the Nazis and their kind in America, who spread the virus of hatred, Judge Proskauer declared, "We must take counsel, not of our indignation, not of our hurt, nor of our fears, but rather of our hopes and our confidence in the basic integrity of American thought and of Christian thought."

"We have a right to optimism, for we know that our Catholic friends were moved by the sublime statement of Pope Pius XI: 'No, it is not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is inadmissible. We are all Semites spiritually.'

"We know that our Episcopal friends will follow the declaration of Bishop Manning that 'any man anywhere who is anti-Jewish in his actions and his feelings is at that moment anti-Christian.' We know that millions of our fellow citizens obey his exhortation that lip service to this creed is not enough and that we should show the 'spirit of kindness and good will in our daily lives, in our business, in the subway, in our homes and our offices, and everywhere we go.'

"And Bishop McConnell of the Methodist Church, as president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, has reminded his people that Jews

have persistently sung the Lord's song in strange lands and 'have done more than any other single people to make the Lord's song familiar to strange lands, and have done more to lay the foundations of prophetic, and after that of Christian civilization, than any other single people.'

"We are entitled from these utterances to the pride only that comes from the knowledge that for our spiritual ideals we have withstood through the centuries since our forefathers wept by the waters of Babylon the lash of the torturer and the exile of the oppressor. We owe it to our country to make the guarantees of religious freedom contained in our Constitution something real and vital in the everyday life of this beloved America; and above all, to stand steadfastly with men of good will of every race and sect and creed and maintain against every assault a common brotherhood of man under a common fatherhood of God."

LUCAS DEFENDS BERMUDA PARLEY ON SENATE FLOOR; ATTACKS JEWISH ARMY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 6.(JTA)-- Sen. Scott Lucas, Illinois Democrat, who represented the United States at the Bermuda Refugee Conference, defended its accomplishments today on the Senate floor and attacked an advertisement of the Committee for a Jewish Army that described the meeting as a "cruel mockery."

Lucas branded "an untruth" the committee statement that the word "Jews" was "banished" from discussion at the conference. "Nothing was excluded from the conference," he said. "Every possibility was carefully investigated and discussed."

He read into the record a letter from Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado Democrat, who is chairman of the committee, telling Peter H. Bergson, its National Director, that "the committee and I must come to an agreement at once that greater care must be exercised."

Lucas read out the names of 33 Senators, listed in the advertisement as supporting the committee's principles. Five of these rose to repudiate any knowledge of the statement beside their names. They were Albert B. Chandler, Kentucky, Harry S. Truman, Missouri and Francis Maloney, Connecticut, Democrats; and Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin, and E.H. Moore, Oklahoma, Republicans. Lucas said he was "disturbed and amazed" to see Johnson's name at the bottom of the advertisement, which appeared in the New York Times on May 6 and in other papers today. He told of talking to a number of Senators whose names appeared and finding that not one knew anything about the advertisement - not even Johnson. He deplored the effect that the advertisement might have on uninformed readers. It implied, according to Lucas, "that Democracy in this country is conniving in the slaughter of poor unfortunate people in Europe."

Lucas told the Senate that some of his best friends in this country are of the Jewish faith, but expressed the opinion that Jews were "injuring their own case with an advertisement of this kind." "This kind of an advertisement," he said, "plays into the hands of Adolf Hitler."

During the discussion, Senator Chandler urged that this country "keep the commitments made to the Jewish people during the last war," and Senator Wiley deplored the advertisement as damaging to the cause it sought to further.

A spokesman for the committee indicated satisfaction with the discussion on the floor as a step toward bringing the issue into the open.

STALIN THANKS JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF KUIBYSHEV FOR AID TO RUSSIAN ARMY

KUIBYSHEV, May 6.(JTA)-- An exchange of telegrams between the Jewish religious community of Kuibyshev and Premier Joseph Stalin, in which Stalin thanks the community for its contributions to the Red Army, was made public here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

The telegram to the Russian premier from Moses Feigin, president of the Kuibyshev community, reads: "Desiring to help in the holy task of hastening the complete annihilation of the German murderers, we are contributing 10,000 roubles towards the building of a tank column to bear the name of Bar Kochba, a hero of undying fame who fought in a war of liberation of our people. We call upon all Jewish communities in the Soviet Union to contribute towards building this column. Let the mighty tanks proudly bearing the name of our great national hero carry vengeance and death to the enemy hordes. May God bless you."

The reply received by Mr. Feigin from Stalin reads: "Please convey to the members of the Kuibyshev religious community my sincere greetings and the thanks of the Red Army for their contribution of 10,000 roubles towards the building of a tank column."

CHRISTIAN AMERICANS ESTABLISH VILLAGE FOR JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 6.(JTA)-- The establishment of a colony for Jewish refugee children in Palestine with funds donated chiefly by American Christians was announced here today. The children's colony will be called Freedom Village.

The stockholders of the Empire Ordnance Corporation and its affiliated companies are undertaking to maintain at least 100 refugee children in the new colony during the coming year. The education and maintenance of the children are to be under the direction of Youth Aliyah for two years. The Village will be unique in that it will serve as a vocational training center, preparing the children for work in a specific industry. The details of this arrangement are now being worked out in consultation with Palestine, and it is hoped that the industrial emphasis will serve a useful purpose in Palestine's expanding economy. The Village is to be established on Jewish National Fund land redeemed by Hadassah.

Over \$80,000 has already been contributed to cover the maintenance and education of the children as well as the cost of erecting buildings. Checks representing the greater part of the sums so far raised were turned over to Mrs. Edward Jacobs, honorary vice-president of Hadassah, at a dinner tendered by Mr. Frank Cohen to stockholders, friends and employees of the Empire Ordnance Corporation and its affiliates.

DAUGHTER OF NOTED JEWISH PIANIST ASKS GERMAN COURT TO DECLARE HER AN "ARYAN"

ZURICH, May 6.(JTA)-- A recent issue of the Reichs Anzeiger, the Official Gazette of the German Government, which reached here today, carries an announcement of a Berlin court stating that Ruth Erika Spiero, daughter of a famous Jewish pianist, Bruno Israel Spiero, has applied to the court for a decision certifying that the pianist is not her father. She thus hopes to be classified by the court as an "Aryan."

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KOHLER

CINCINNATI, May 6.(JTA)-- The hundredth anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. Kaufmann Kohler, president of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, which occurs next Monday, will be celebrated Saturday at the college. Dr. Kohler was president of the college for eighteen years, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, its founder.